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In re application of:

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DEVICE

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Examiner: David C. Payne

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Response to Non-Final Office Action

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Non-final Office Action dated August 24, 2004, Applicant submits the following Amendment and Reply:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 17 of this paper.

Please charge \$352.00 to deposit account no. 22-0261 for the net addition of four (4) independent claims. Should any further fee be required by the Office, please charge deposit account No. 22-0261 accordingly and notify the undersigned.